(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The planning of different schemes and the expenditure to be incurred therefor has been reviewed keeping in view the budgetary allocation. As a result, developmental activities on the National Waterways are being stepped up. Action is also being taken to provide more manpower to enable the Authority to execute various programmes.

(e) No financial assistance is presently being given by UNDP for the Inland Waterways Authority of India's projects.

(f) The various schemes, as idetnified in the policy strategy document of the IWAI for implementation, have been/are being taken up for execution, for making National Waterways No. 1 and 2 adequately, operational and for developing National Waterway No. 3 (declared in February, 1993).

Maintenance of Badarpur to Belonia National Highway

240. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highway No. 44 from Baradpur to Belonia is poorly mainained;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for poor maintenance;

(c) when the repairs of this highway was taken up last;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this national highway is so narrow that two vehicles cannot cross each other at any point; and

(e) if so, is there any plan to widen this Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c). Baradpur and Belonia are not situated on National Highway 44. Presumaby the Hon'be Member has in mind Badarpur instead of Baradpur. National Highway No. 44 from Shilong to Agartala via Badarpur is being maintained in a traffic worthy conditon within available funds. Belonia is south of Agartala and the road from Agartala to Belonia is a State road which is the responsibility of State Government of Tripura.

(d) and (e) National Highway No. 44 is 482 Kms long, out of which 208 Km is double lane 258 Km Intermediate lane and only 16 Km single lane carriageway. Improvement of this National Highway is being carried out in a phased manner subject to availability of funds.

Construction of culvedts and bypasses on National Highways in Tamil Nadu

241. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the names of the National Highways in Tamilnadu in respect of which Schemes for constructions of culverts, bypasses and widening of roads are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Schemes for construction of bypasses on NH 4, 45 and 47 and widening on NH 7, 7A and 49 are under consideration during 1994-95. Whenever required as per site conditions, culverts are considered on any of the nine NHs in the State.

Expansion of Inland Water Transport Network

242 SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government intend to take for expansion of Inland Water Transport Network to cater the vast potential in movement of cargo by this mode;

(b) what is the future plan of Inland Water Transport Corporation in this regard;